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National Military Appreciation Month

**ODJFS Reminds Ohioans of Free Services for Military Members
and Their Spouses through OhioMeansVeteranJobs.com
and the OhioMeansJobs Centers**

COLUMBUS, OHIO – May is National Military Appreciation Month, and Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Director Matt Damschroder is reminding all active and former military members and their spouses about the many free employment services available at both [OhioMeansVeteranJobs.com](https://ohioMeansVeteranJobs.com) and their [local OhioMeansJobs Center](#).

“Ohio is grateful to members of the military and their spouses who selflessly served our nation,” Damschroder said. “We are committed to making Ohio the most military-friendly state in the nation, and we’re proud to offer services that can help them transition to good-paying, satisfying civilian careers. Military members and their spouses can use as many of these services as they would like, on their own or with help from an employment specialist.”

At either the website or their local OhioMeansJobs Center, military members and their spouses can get help:

- Translating their military skills into a civilian resume
- Creating a transition plan
- Connecting with military-friendly employers
- Applying for jobs
- Enrolling in workshops and trainings
- Learning about federal and state benefits they may be eligible for
- Exploring new careers

To get started, they can just log in or create a free account on [OhioMeansVeteranJobs.com](https://ohioMeansVeteranJobs.com). When they do, they will be prompted to answer a brief questionnaire asking if they’d like to be contacted by an





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employment specialist. If they indicate that they would like one-on-one assistance, an employment specialist will contact them. If they decline to be contacted, they can continue accessing free employment services on their own on the website.

Ohio has more than 8,300 employers listed in its “Military-Friendly Employer Registry” at [OhioMeansVeteranJobs.com](https://ohioMeansVeteranJobs.com). In addition, the resumes of veterans are designated with a red and blue “V,” and the resumes of military spouses are designated with a red and blue “S,” to make them stand out to military-friendly employers.

With nearly 700,000 veterans, Ohio is home to the sixth-largest veteran population in the nation, and new opportunities are constantly being developed to make the Buckeye State an ideal place for military members and their families to thrive. For more information, visit this [resource page for Military Members and Their Families](#).

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The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services manages vital programs that strengthen Ohio families. These include job training and employment services, unemployment insurance, cash and food assistance, adult protective services, and child support services.

